

METHODISTS.

Archbishop Ireland Ridicules Their Attacks on Catholic Marriages.

Poor Recompense for President's Courteous Telegram to Conference.

State Has Right to Say What Marriages Have Legal Rights.

CHARGES ARE WITHOUT TRUTH

It is because the love of a fight is in the blood of Methodists that the general conference at Minneapolis made its attack on the marriage laws of the Catholics, according to Archbishop Ireland, who made a reply to the denunciation of the "No Tolerance" edict of the Pope contained in the Bishops' report read Friday.

The Bishops' report declared that the Pope's edict denouncing as adulterous all marriages of lapsed Catholics not solemnized by a priest "is an insult to many Protestant homes, and shows contempt for the governments that authorize marriage by other clergy." The report termed the edict a "defiance to national laws." Archbishop Ireland in his reply also ridiculed the attack of the Methodists upon the President and members of his Cabinet for permitting the Secretary of Agriculture to make an address before the International Brewers' Congress. He says in part:

"A poor recompense it was, that given to Mr. Taft, for his courteous telegram to the conference on the morning of its opening session—a telegram altogether too courteous, I think, so far as it gave praise to the work of militant Methodism in the Philippines. Mr. Taft and his Cabinet disposed of the Catholic church is summoned to the field. It is an old-time warfare, that waged against the Catholic church, and without a recurrence of it a Methodist conference were falling from the high estate of historic Methodism. No doubt before the conference closes its doors the Catholic church will be off and on the defensive. This time the attack is on the Catholic church, and that is purely a domestic matter. It is the own, and in no wise international, with the consequence of such papers as prefer to them the laws of States or of non-Catholic churches."

"The Catholic church, the conference declares, will not recognize as valid in its own eyes marriages of Catholics contracted before State Magistrates or ministers of non-Catholic churches. But is it not altogether a Catholic issue, in which others than Catholics need not interest themselves, in which others should have nothing to say? Has not the Catholic church at least as much right to legislate for its membership as Methodism have to legislate for theirs? But is it not expected that the Catholic church will say that in its eyes 'lapsed Catholics' are to be privileged, and that having been married outside its ministry they have the right, denied to Catholics still anxious for communion with it, although disobeying for the moment its bid to compel it to register on its tablets their marriages as valid before its own laws and constitution. A queer legislation it were for the Catholic church to declare marriages of members of my communion contracted outside my ministry are not recognized by me as valid, unless previously the members have cut themselves off from me, becoming for instance Methodists, in which case, as a reward for their disloyalty, I will recognize their marriage, before whomsoever contracted, as good and valid. At any rate who is injured? Not certainly the 'lapsed Catholics,' who no longer acknowledge the laws of the church of his baptism and who, if free from remorse, holds those laws as null and void of effect?"

"The conference continues: 'In this insult, and its accompanying defiance of our national laws regulating marriage, the hierarchy is entirely consistent with its medieval claim to supreme authority over men and nations.' Ill-befitting this charge against the Catholic church coming from a Methodist conference that has just ruled out of the reach of Christian suffrage in America the President of the United States and members of his Cabinet for having done something that neither laws nor constitution forbid, which custom and unwritten laws prescribe. But of course in the eyes of the conference Methodism is privileged. Methodism may claim 'supreme authority over men and nations,' but not so any other Christian body, least of all of course the Catholic church."

"But is it true that in its marriage laws the Catholic church—outside its own specific spiritual sphere, outside the special province, pertaining to it as a church—claims 'supreme authority over men and nations?' Its marriage laws regard solely its internal life and rule. To the State it leaves the legal right to say at its will to what marriages shall be accorded legal recognition and legal rights. The Catholic church speaks exclusively to the conscience of its own members—that and nothing more. To the State the things of Caesar; to the church the things of the church."

"But it may be asked, should not the Catholic church, even in its own laws, even in its appeal to the conscience of its members, even in its marriage rulings, adapt itself to the laws of Caesar—holding itself subject in its intimate life to the will of Caesar, changing its laws, changing, condoning or approving as Caesar condemns or approves. Methodism may do this, if it so wishes. The Catholic church can not; else it repudiates its claim to be the Church of Christ. Without quoting other instances in the teaching of Christ, I refer to his ruling with regard to the indissolubility of the marriage contract. Caesar had decreed that marriage was dissoluble for little or no cause. Christ having his own kingdom in mind, made the proclamation: 'What therefore God hath joined together, let no man put asunder.' Whosoever shall put away his wife for another cometh adultery against her. And if the wife put away her husband and be married to another, she committeth adultery.' Christ in matters of his own kingdom rules irrespectively of Caesar. The Catholic church does today as Christ did 1900 years ago."

"Again the conference: 'When in the name of God it (the Catholic church) grants dispensations for the marriage of a Catholic with a Protestant on condition that the offspring be trained in the Roman Catholic faith, it assumes to legalize in return for a stipulated advantage to itself what it has on sacred ground forbidden, and creates a grave doubt as to the sincerity of its concern for the sacredness of the marriage relation.' So far as those words imply that the Catholic church, in granting dispensations for mixed marriages, has in mind, in any shape or form, an advantage to itself arising from such marriages, or in any shape or form considers such marriages to be an advantage to itself, they are absolutely untrue, and entitle the speaker to be without further ado a candidate for a Methodist club to be named after a certain other club famed under a late Presidency in political circles. The Catholic church undoubtedly extends as a condition for its tolerance of a mixed marriage the promise that the offspring shall be brought up in the Catholic faith. But this promise is never an inducement to the granting of the dispensation; even when this promise is given, the Catholic church deprecates the mixed marriage to the last moment does what is possible to prevent it from taking place. The sole inducement to the granting of a dispensation, apart from certain well-marked considerations of persons or families, is the fear, in case of a refusal, of a greater evil. For instance, the attempted ratification of the marriage outside the ministry of the church and the port of a subsequent total perversion of the Catholic party. Let the Methodist church make charge after charge; it is entitled to do so. But for goodness sake let there be in the charge some scintilla of truth."

PARALYSIS.

Causes Death of Martin A. Wathen at Columbus, Ohio.

Stricken with paralysis while en route from Cleveland to Columbus, Ohio, Martin A. Wathen, fifty-five years of age, member of a pioneer Kentucky family and one of Louisville's foremost business men, was claimed by death on Friday night of last week at Mount Carmel Hospital at Columbus. For several days, he improved and plans were being made to remove him to his home in this city the latter part of the week. Thursday he suffered a relapse, from which he failed to rally and gradually sank to the end. The deceased was a native of Lebanon, and a son of the late Richard Wathen, a distiller. The family are the oldest distillers in the State, having been engaged in the business for four generations, covering a period of 124 years.

After attending the country schools, Mr. Wathen completed his education at St. Mary's College. Twenty-five years ago he came to Louisville and became a prominent figure in the social and commercial life of the city. He was a member of the Louisville Lodge of Elks, the Catholic Knights of America, the Board of Trade and the Louisville Commercial Club. He is survived by his widow, who was formerly Miss Anna Jenkins, of Lebanon; two sons, J. George and Allen Wathen, connected with the Louisville Auto Supply Company, and three daughters, Misses Frances and Martina Wathen, of Louisville, and another daughter, now a nun in a convent at Cincinnati. He also leaves four brothers, J. B., Dr. W. H. and J. A. Wathen, of Louisville, and F. M. Wathen, of Lebanon, and a sister, Mrs. L. Adams, of Kansas. The funeral took place Tuesday morning from St. Louis Bertrand's church, T. P. Taylor, T. M. Gilmore, H. D. Rodman, L. H. Wymond, E. H. Bacon, Gramme McGowan, T. G. Williams and W. N. Cox acting as pall-bearers. The honorary pall-bearers were Thomas Sheller, R. W. Brown, J. C. Weller, D. B. Sperry, Major John L. Leathers, W. G. Bennett, W. C. Wheeler, Davis Brown, John Strother, A. M. Struck, Tyler Barnett, Judge Blackford Miller, Henry C. Walbeck, Samuel Avritt, J. C. Graves and T. J. Batman.

HONORS MONSIGNOR FLAVIN. Bishop Austin Dowling, as his first official act announced the appointment of Monsignor Michael Flavin, pastor of St. Ambrose church, Des Moines, as Vicar General of the new Des Moines diocese.

FRANKFORT

Knights of Columbus State Convention Meets There Tuesday.

Delegates and Visitors Are Promised a Royal Entertainment.

Lieut. Gov. McDermott and Congressman Johnson Among Speakers.

LADIES ASSISTING THE KNIGHTS

On next Tuesday, May 14, the State Council, Knights of Columbus, will convene at Frankfort in annual session. Each council in the State will be represented by two delegates, usually the present Grand Knight and the last Past Grand Knight. Two alternates for each council have been elected in case that the Grand Knight should be unable for business or other reasons to attend. It is thought that probably a hundred or more members of various councils throughout the State who are not delegates will attend, many of whom will be accompanied by their wives, in which event the number of visitors attending the convention will reach 300 or 400.

Frankfort has been noted in the past for the cordial Kentucky hospitality extended to all visitors to the Capital City, and it goes without saying that all K. of C.'s who attend the convention next week will be royally entertained. A committee of ladies, selected from wives, sisters and daughters of the members of Frankfort Council, will look after the ladies among the visitors and will make their short stay in the Capital City as pleasant as possible. There are several points of interest in and near Frankfort, such as the new State Capitol, the old Capitol, State Arsenal, State cemetery, noted for the most beautiful natural scenery in America, State penitentiary and numerous others.

Several private and public functions will precede the grand opening to be given at the New Frankfort Hotel on the last evening of the convention. Lieut. Gov. E. J. McDermott and Congressman Ben Johnson will be among the several noted speakers of the evening. The committee in charge, composed of Past Grand Knight John R. Sower, Grand Knight Lillie L. T. Schrock, H. P. Lutkemeyer, P. T. Downey and John T. Buckley, will exert every effort to make every one who attends the convention have a good time. Frankfort Council will be represented in the State Council by Past Grand Knight J. B. Sower and Grand Knight P. B. Lillis, while Louisville Council will be ably represented by Past Grand Knight E. J. McDermott and Grand Knight J. W. Klapheke. Several members of Frankfort Council have made arrangements to attend the initiation of Louisville Council on Sunday, May 12. J. J. King, Charles Whelan, H. P. King, each of whom own large touring cars, will bring down a party of K. of C.'s Sunday morning and will return to Frankfort after the banquet Sunday evening. Numbers of members of the order from Bardonia, Elizabethtown, Shelbyville, Lexington, New Albany and Jeffersonville will also attend.

INDIANA.

Knights of St. John Hold Convention in New Albany.

Twelve of the thirteen Indiana Commanderies of the Knights of St. John were represented at the annual State convention held in New Albany last Sunday. The delegates and visitors attended the high mass at St. Mary's church in the morning, when the Rev. Father Ignatius, of St. Boniface's church in Louisville, delivered the sermon, and were entertained at dinner at the Tavern at noon by New Albany Commandery. The business session was held in the Unity Council club house and occupied all the afternoon. State President Anthony Habig, of Greensburg, occupied the chair, and Leo Schu, of Evansville, acted as Secretary. Peter Pettig, of Connersville, Supreme President of the Knights of St. John, were present and addressed the convention. Reports showed the order to be flourishing and gaining in strength. Delegates were present from four commanderies in Evansville, and those at Greensburg, Mt. Vernon, Shelbyville, Richmond, Oldenburg, Jeffersonville, Batesville and New Albany. The annual election of officers and the selection of delegates to the international convention that will be held in Toronto June 9 was a feature of the convention, and the following were chosen: President, Anthony Habig, of Greensburg; First Vice President, A. J. Soriotis, of Evansville; Second Vice President, Frank L. Ott, of New Albany; Secretary, Leo G. Schu, of Evansville; Sergeant-at-Arms, Frank Thiel, of Batesville; Trustees, Louis Hussong, of New Albany; Martin Smig, of Evansville, and Peter Wenzel, of Mt. Vernon. The delegates to the international convention are Anthony Habig, Greensburg; Joseph Morthorst, of New Albany; Frank Brauns, of Jeffersonville; John Hafner,

Richmond; John Burns, Shelbyville; Peter Wenzel, Mt. Vernon; Frank Thiel, Batesville; B. J. Kessing, Greensburg, and John Polhuis, George Stricker and Leo G. Schu, of Evansville. The State convention next year will be held at Richmond.

OVERWHELMED

Was Papal Delegate With Cordiality of His Reception.

A notable gathering of Catholic clergy and laymen welcomed the new Apostolic Delegate to the United States, Archbishop Giovanni Bonzano, when the steamer Koenig Albert reached her pier in New York. Archbishop Bonzano was greeted on behalf of Cardinal Farley, to whose residence he was taken from the dock by Monsignor Hayes and Lavelle, who were accompanied by Archbishop Prendergast, of Philadelphia, and Archbishop McCardell, of Baltimore. Monsignor Bonaventura Serritt, auditor of the Papal legation at Washington, who has been acting as Papal Delegate since the departure of Cardinal Palumbo, a lay committee also welcomed the new Delegate. The new Delegate speaks English with hardly a trace of accent. Archbishop Bonzano was received formally at St. Patrick's Cathedral by Cardinal Farley during the afternoon. The large edifice was crowded, 4,000 people, in the aisles joined the choir in singing a welcome to the new Apostolic Delegate as he was received with pomp by the Cardinal. After he had donned his robes of office he was escorted to a throne. Vicar General Michael J. Lavelle delivered an address of welcome, in which Archbishop Bonzano responded briefly, expressing himself as overwhelmed with the cordiality of his reception.

RECENT DEATHS.

The funeral of Martin Duddy, for many years a resident of the Twelfth ward, took place from St. Cecilia's church Tuesday morning. Rev. Father Brady officiating at the service of requiem. His death was caused by tuberculosis, from which he had long been suffering. He is survived by a sister, Mrs. M. J. Welsh, 1928 Owen street.

Mrs. Ann Finn, one of the oldest members of St. Bridget's parish, died suddenly last Saturday morning of the infirmities of age at her home, 1517 East Breckinridge street. Mrs. Finn was born in Ireland eighty years ago and was the widow of David Finn. Her funeral took place Monday morning at St. Bridget's church, celebrating the mass of requiem.

St. Cecilia's parish mourns the death of two devout and faithful members, Mrs. Delia Lyons, beloved wife of John Lyons, 2322 High avenue, and Mrs. Jennie Hennessy, widow of the late Gerald Hennessy. Both were buried from St. Cecilia's church, the first named Sunday afternoon and the latter Monday morning. Both leave many relatives and friends who sincerely mourn their death.

Mrs. Johanna Green, aged eighty-five, widow of Michael Green, and for sixty years a resident of the West End, died Wednesday morning of the infirmities of age. She was a native of Ireland, but had lived here the greater part of her life. Two sons and three daughters survive. The funeral took place yesterday from St. Patrick's church, where for many years she had been a devout communicant.

Monday morning the remains of Mrs. Mary Bachman, beloved wife of William Bachman, 2923 Bank street, were laid to rest after funeral services at the Church of Our Lady in Portland, at which the Rev. Father Conniff officiated. Mrs. Bachman was sixty-two years old and was one of the most widely known and highly esteemed residents of the West End. Besides her husband she leaves two sons, Thomas and William Bachman, Jr.

Alexander Camella, the oldest Italian resident of Louisville, died Wednesday morning of the infirmities of age. He was a native of Italy and had lived here for many years and was very successful, but retired in 1881 and had since resided at 2967 Greenwood avenue. Mr. Camella was a devout Catholic and was a liberal donor to numerous local charities. Surviving him are three daughters, Mrs. Charles Garlin, Mrs. A. G. Weber and Mrs. Mary Denunzio, and one son, Charles Camella. The funeral took place Friday morning from St. Charles church, Rev. Father Raffo being the celebrant at the solemn mass of requiem.

NARROW ESCAPE.

While going to the M. A. Wathen funeral, at which he officiated last Monday morning, Rev. Father R. LaPlante had a narrow escape from serious injury, the carriage in which he was riding being struck by an automobile while crossing Third and St. Catherine. The machine skidded on the wet asphalt, striking the carriage very forcibly, knocking out several spokes of the wheels and shaking up Father LaPlante pretty severely. The three occupants of the automobile drove off without giving their names, and it was ascertained after much difficulty that the automobile was the property of Samuel Bligham, 510 Belgrave avenue. Besides a shock to his nervous system and a broken hat, Father LaPlante recovered quickly and attended the services at the graveyard. The damaged carriage was the property of Funeral Director A. Smith.

CLARK

Boom Assuming Large Proportions in Contest for Instructed Delegates.

Ollie James Advocates Kentucky and Missouri Joining Hands in Campaign.

Poor Old Evening Post Tries Again to Predict Outcome of Political Fight.

PRECINCT CONVENTIONS MAY 25

Senator-elect Ollie James will be in town today to witness the running of the Kentucky Derby and incidentally begin his plan of canvassing the precincts of the State convention, which meets here Wednesday, May 29, for Champ Clark in his race for the Democratic nomination for President. Senator James is especially anxious that Speaker Clark should have the instructed vote of Kentucky at the Baltimore convention, and believes that Kentucky could pay him no greater compliment than unite with Missouri, his adopted State, and aggressively lead in the fight at the national convention for his nomination.

Congressman James also states that the Clark boom is growing daily and confidently believes he will be the Democratic nominee, now having more instructed delegates and stronger support than any other candidate, and that he can unite the entire party. Having brought together the Democratic forces of the House, all elements of the party would turn to him enthusiastically, as he demonstrated his ability to carry the country in 1910, and the Democracy won control of Congress upon the record made by him as leader of the minority. In answer to a question propounded by Leslie's Weekly, "Can business men trust the Democratic party?" Mr. Clark answered:

"Of the American people. They are engaged in every species of legitimate business known among men and possible in this country. The effect of law falls like the rain, the sunshine and the dew of heaven, equally on the just and on the unjust. Consequently the Democrats can not injure other people's business without injuring their own. I have said before and I say now that no legitimate industry in the United States has any cause whatever to fear the action of the Democrats, and the sooner these prophesies of evil are squelched, the better the country will be off. The desire of the Democrats is to no arrange things, as far as may be, that every American citizen shall have an equal chance in the race of life. That is what we promised to do, and that is what we are going to do so far as possible. In fact, we have already started upon this onerous and important task."

Here in Louisville we are becoming more and more convinced that Speaker Clark would be the strongest candidate on account of Dick Knott and the Evening Post daily crying that he would be the easiest candidate to beat, this organ as a political prophet being always a sure criterion that the political wind is blowing directly opposite from their choice or selection. For proof of this look up their predictions on Grinstead, Bingham and O'Rear in the past three consecutive years, all being Post favorites and all being beaten. They are against Clark simply because the Holy-Bockham party wreckers are, hoping thereby if these two worthless secure control, the local Democratic organization will be wrecked by being turned over to the "right" club, which comprises the strength of the Order and the Democratic party in Louisville and with which these two expect to create a stir in the precinct convention, Saturday, May 25.

FEDERATION.

Letter From Vicar General Cronin Spells Its Success.

Since the letter of Vicar General Cronin has been issued there remains no doubt of the success of the American Catholic Federation convention to be held here. The details of the programme of entertainment and business will be mapped out at meetings of the Advisory Committee to be held at the residence of Father Cronin. Thirtieth and Market streets. The committee consists of Fathers Cronin, Deppen, Richard, Rock, Raffo and Schumann, and John P. Cassidy, Secretary; E. J. Cooney, James B. Kelly, Col. John H. Whallen, Frank Geher, Dr. Peter S. Gans and Dr. Charles Edelin. It has already been decided to have a big parade on the night of Sunday, August 18, and as Col. Whallen is Chairman of the Parade Committee the committee feels assured of its success. The Armory, where the public meetings are to be held, will be handsomely decorated for the occasion. The addresses will be from notable members of the clergy and laity. It is expected that the Papal Delegate and one or two of the American Car-

dinals will be present, as well as a number of Archbishops and Bishops. Invitations to these have been sent out. Now that the pastors of the congregations have had official notice it is expected that more interest will be shown in the big convention, which is intended to be the greatest event ever held in Catholic circles in Louisville.

DEVOTIONS.

For May Begin With Solemn Pomp and Splendor.

Last Sunday in the Catholic churches of Louisville the May devotions were inaugurated amid great pomp and solemn splendor and were witnessed by thousands. Especially so was this the case at the Dominick, Sacred Heart and Holy Cross churches, where imposing processions preceded the impressive services. Three hundred children followed their fifteen beautiful banners at St. Louis Bertrand church, which is unsurpassed in its demonstrations in honor of the Blessed Virgin. Rev. Patrick Walsh conducted the services at the Sacred Heart church, which was thronged with people of the parish. Here also there was an imposing display by the children, who carried their white silk banners in their procession. Holy Cross parish witnessed its grandest display since that church was built. The children, dressed in white and carefully drilled by the Sisters, entered the church from the school and proceeded through each aisle singing hymns to the Blessed Virgin and then placed a beautiful crown on the statue of the Blessed Mother. Similar services were held in the other churches, and at each service were preached and reasons given for Catholics paying homage to the Blessed Virgin during the month of May.

CHARITIES

Preparing For National Conference in Washington.

Preparations for the second meeting of the National Conference of Catholic Charities at the Catholic University of America, Washington, D. C., are now under way. The meetings are biennial, the first one having been held at the Catholic University in September, 1910. That meeting developed extraordinary enthusiasm. Approximately 100 delegates attended, but a much larger number is expected this year, since the work of the conference is more clearly understood. The conference will open on Sunday, September 22, with mass and a conference sermon. It will close at noon on Wednesday, September 25. The National Conference has received very warm endorsement from His Holiness Pius X., and from the hierarchy of the church in this country. Its creation in 1910 was due to a conviction widely shared among Catholic leaders in the work of charity that efficiency and progress in relief work would be greatly promoted by national organization. Judge Matt O'Doherty represented Louisville and was one of the principal speakers last year, and it is likely a selection will be soon made for the coming conference.

GENEROUS

Bequest Left Nazareth Literary and Benevolent Institute.

A handsome bequest to Nazareth Literary and Benevolent Institute, at Nazareth, Nelson county, was made by the will of Mary J. Stafford, of Lexington, a copy of which was filed at Pittsburgh on Wednesday. It disposes of valuable property in Pittsburgh. Miss Stafford formerly lived in Pittsburgh. The estate is valued at \$21,500 in real estate and \$5,000 personal property, according to the appraisement of John McElroy, of Kentucky, who is named executor of the estate. The will bequeaths \$500 to the Bishop of the diocese of Pittsburgh for masses for John Stafford and the decedent. The income of the estate is to go to James Stafford and William Stafford, brothers of the decedent. Upon the death of either of them the income, or half of it, is to go to Catherine Stafford, of Lexington, known as Sister Euphrasia, Mother Superior of St. Joseph's Hospital at Lexington. At the death of the brothers and sister the property is to go to the Nazareth Literary and Benevolent Institute.

FORTY HOURS.

For tomorrow the Forty Hours' prayer is announced at St. Frances of Rome church in Clifton, beginning with the high mass, which will be celebrated by the pastor, Father Thomas White. For these beautiful devotions, which will conclude on Tuesday, the sanctuary will be tastefully decorated by the ladies of the Altar Society and parish. Father White will be assisted by a number of his brother priests.

SUMMER MASSES.

For the convenience of the public the hours for masses at the Sacred Heart Retreat on the newburg road. The first mass will be at 8:30 o'clock and the high mass at 9:30 during the summer months.

UNVEILED.

Great Tribute to the Patriot Founder of Georgetown University.

Notable Men Honor the Memory of Baltimore's First Archbishop.

Friend and Advisor of Washington During War of the Revolution.

CARDINAL GIBBONS WAS THERE

Unveiling of the statue of John Carroll, first Archbishop of Baltimore and the founder of Georgetown University, brought a notable gathering together in Washington last Saturday. Among those assisting in the exercises were Attorney General Wickersham, representing President Taft; Baron Hengelmueller von Hoenigswarten, the Austro-Hungarian Ambassador; Chief Justice White, a graduate of Georgetown; Cardinal Gibbons, Speaker Champ Clark and others. Chief Justice White eulogized the founder of the university and, reviewing his career, made the formal presentation of the monument to Georgetown University as spokesman for the donor, the National Alumni Association. George E. Hamilton, President of the association, was master of ceremonies, and introduced Chief Justice White as the most distinguished graduate of Georgetown. Cardinal Gibbons was presented by President Hamilton as the inheritor of the office of Archbishop Carroll and of his character and wisdom. Baron Hengelmueller said that science and religion were harmoniously united in the purpose of the university. The statue is of heroic size, a bronze figure of Archbishop Carroll seated and looking down the Potomac river to the National Capital, which was projected in the same year in which Georgetown College was opened.

This is not the first celebration in which interest has centered about the name and fame of Archbishop Carroll. In November, 1889, the centenary of the American episcopate was kept with great splendor in the Cathedral of Baltimore and indeed in the whole city. Earlier in the same year the American Government celebrated the centenary of the Constitution; so that both great events have the same birth year. A provision of the Constitution was that Congress should make no law establishing any religion, nor hindering the free exercise thereof, the spirit of the United States therefore was "free field and no favor" to all creeds; only a common protection for all, should the right of any to freedom of worship be disputed. Judged by results, it must be granted that the Catholic church, which, no matter what the method of census, is still far and away the largest religious body in the country, has profited beyond all others from religious freedom. In 1789, when Archbishop Carroll was consecrated, he placed the sum total of Catholics at 30,000 in a total American population of 4,000,000. Dr. H. K. Carroll gives us something well over 12,000,000 after deducting 15 per cent. for our children. Even with this grudging estimate, we are out of sight in the race when the Methodists and Baptists, the next largest religious bodies, come on.

For nineteen years Archbishop Carroll was the sole Catholic Bishop in the United States. Then his enormous diocese was divided by the creation in 1808 of the suffragan sees of New York, Boston, Philadelphia and Bardonia, now Louisville. Baltimore was made a metropolitan see. How amazingly rapidly the multiplication of dioceses ever since, until now there are more Bishops in the United States than in any even of the oldest countries of the world, except Italy; and we must remember for Italy that she holds the great Central See of Christendom, the residence of the Sovereign Pontiff and of his Sacred Court, all the members of which are Bishops. It is a long look back to the days of Archbishop Carroll. But he was, in a general way, the model for all who should come after him. He laid broad and deep the foundations of the Primatial See, and the tradition of friendship between its incumbent and the American President. He preached patriotism, and manifested it in his life as a religious virtue. He instituted the prayer for the President to be recited on the Sunday after the high mass, and right through the Baltimore line of 122 years we see his spirit in none more resplendent than in Cardinal Gibbons, in whom every President, whatever his politics or policies, has found a firm supporter of true Americanism within the past twenty years.

Archbishop Carroll's father was born in Carlow, Ireland, and was of the famous family of the O'Carrolls of Ely. The Maryland Carrolls came out on an English ship (there being no Irish ships), and this gave a writer in the Catholic Encyclopedia the alibi basis for saying in a sketch of Carroll: "His father was among a number of English emigrants who arrived in this country." If every Irishman who came to this country on an English ship was labeled "an English emigrant," truly England would have a stronger claim on the United States than she can now boast.